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The Honorable John Dingell
Ranking Member
House Energy and Commerce Committee
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Dingell:

On behalf of Hadassah's 300,000 members nationwide, I am pleased to endorse H.R. 2563, the "Bipartisan Patient Protection Act."

Founded in 1912, Hadassah is the largest women's and largest volunteer membership organization in the United States. Our mission is to promote a prosperous and peaceful Israel, ensure Jewish continuity, pursue social justice and provide for the health, education and well-being of American Jewish women and their families. In addition, the Hadassah Medical Organization supports the most advanced medical center in the Middle East, comprised of 2 hospitals, 90 outpatient clinics and numerous community health centers. Since our founding, Hadassah members have been actively involved in their local communities and have engaged in a myriad of legislative advocacy initiatives.

Hadassah has had a long history of supporting accessible, quality health care for women and their families. As an organization dedicated to providing the highest-quality medical care in the Middle East, we also recognize the importance of advocating for the best medical care in the United States. Hadassah believes that the adoption of the crucial patient protections contained in the Bipartisan Patient Protection Act would be an important step in health care reform and toward providing quality health care for all Americans.

We applaud you and Representative Ganske for introducing H.R. 2563 and thank you all for your tireless efforts on this critical issue.

With admiration and appreciation,

Bonnie Lipton
National President

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